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REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are in this case.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Burke et al., CORROSION 88, March 21-25, (1988), pages 212/1-212/10, the rejection of Claims 1, 3-8, 10-12, 15, 17, 18 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 2027686, the rejection of Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 12, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 88/01010, as well as the rejection of Claims 1, 4-7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Henson (4989074) are all insupportable.

For an anticipation rejection to be successful, the reference must teach every element of the claimed invention. In all of the rejections, the respective references Burke, et al., GB 2027686, WO 88/01010 and Henson (4989074) all fail at a common point to disclose an important element in Applicants' claims. In all instances, each reference fails to mention the presence of or the absence of methanol. The examiner has noted this lack of teaching in these references. The failure of these references to teach the presence of methanol and its deleterious effect is an incurable shortcoming of each reference in being able to anticipate Applicants' claims. Applicants' claims all recite as a claim element the absence of amounts of methanol necessary to cause the unwanted corrosion. Thus, the rejections of the recited claims under 35 U.S. 102(b) as anticipated by Burke et al., GB 2027686, WO 88/01010 and Henson (4989074) should be withdrawn.


With regards to the objection of Claims 13 and 14, should the examiner grant Applicant's request for withdrawal of the above rejections, the objections to Claims 13 and 14 would no longer be valid. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of this objection.

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In view of the foregoing comments, it is believed that the case is now in condition for Allowance. Prompt notification to this effect would be sincerely appreciated.

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